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1. IN RESPONSE TO G-77 PROPOSALS INCLUDING STATEMENT OF
INTRODUCTION CONTAINED REFTTEL, DELEGATION SHOULD CONTINUE
TO RESIST THEIR ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS AS RECOMMENDATIONS
OF CWFS AND ENSURE THAT US VIEWS ON VARIOUS SECTIONS ARE
INCLUDED IN THE RECORD. DELEGATION INTERVENTION SHOULD
ALSO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE UNITED STATES DISAGREES WITH THE VIEW THAT CWFS
SHOULD REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO AVAILABILITY AND
PRICES OF CRITICAL INPUTS AS WELL AS IN THE FIELD OF
STORAGE AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE. ALL OF THESE TOPICS
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ARE ALREADY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
WITHIN FAO AND ELSEWHERE, ESPECIALLY THE COMMITTEE ON
FERTILIZER AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE. THERE IS NO
REASON FOR CWFS TO DUPLICATE THESE EFFORTS.

B. THE US ALSO DISAGREES WITH THE VIEW THAT FAO OUGHT TO
ESTABLISH GLOBAL SUB-TARGETS FOR FERTILIZERS, IRRIGATION,

STORAGE FACILITIES, ETC. EFFECTIVE USE OF THESE INPUTS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN TURN TO FOOD PRODUCTION IS HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON A WIDE RANGE OF VARIABLES SUCH AS TYPES OF CROPS, SOIL AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS, STRATEGIES CHOSEN BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, USE OF SUBSTITUTES SUCH AS ORGANIC NUTRIENTS AND PRICES RELATIVE TO OUTPUT PRICES. TO CONSTRUCT TARGETS WOULD INVOLVE A LARGE NUMBER OF ARBITRARY ASSUMPTIONS AND WOULD THEREFORE BE MEANINGLESS. FAO EXPERTISE IN THESE AREAS IS NEEDED FOR PURPOSES MORE IMMEDIATELY RELATED TO EFFECTIVE USE OF THESE INPUTS BY LDC'S.

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